

GEORGIA FARM REPORT



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Monthly Poultry

GEORGIA ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 1998 AND OCTOBER 1, 1999 FORECAST

GEORGIA ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 1998 AND OCTOBER 1, 1999 FORECAST							
		Area Harvested ^{1/}		Yield per Acre		Production	
Crop	Unit	1998	Ind Oct 1, 1999	1998	Ind Oct 1, 1999	1998	Ind Oct 1, 1999
--Thousand Acres--				--Thousands--			
Corn	Bu.	265	260	85	95	22,525	24,700
Sorghum ^{2/}	Bu.	30	30	38	50	1,140	1,500
Soybeans	Bu.	220	200	21	20	4,620	4,000
Oats ^{2/}	Bu.	25	25	53	55	1,325	1,375
Wheat ^{2/}	Bu.	240	225	43	44	10,320	9,900
Rye ^{2/}	Bu.	50	50	21	4/	1,050	4/
Peanuts	Lbs.	537	538	2,815	2,600	1,511,655	1,398,800
Cotton ^{3/}	Bales	1,280	1,450	578	530	1,542	1,600
All Hay	Tons	650	650	2.3	2.7	1,495	1,755
Sweetpotatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	0.7	0.6	100	4/	70	4/
Tobacco, Type 14	Lbs.	41	35	2,200	1,900	90,200	66,500
Apples ^{2/5/}	Lbs.	1.4	6/	7,860	6/	11,000	12,000
Peaches ^{2/5/}	Lbs.	20	18	3,500	7,220	70,000	130,000
Grapes ^{2/5/}	Tons	14	6/	2.3	6/	3.2	3.8
Pecans	Lbs.	6/	6/	6/	6/	40,000	100,000

1/ Harvested for principal use. 2/ Estimates brought forward from earlier forecast. 3/ Cotton yield in pounds per harvested acre, production in 480 pound bales. 4/ Yield and production estimates will be released in Annual Crop Summary. 5/ Bearing age Acreage. 6/ Acreage and yield estimates will be release in the Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts, January 2000.

UNITED STATES ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION--1998 AND OCTOBER 1, 1999 FORECAST

CROPS OWNED, HARVESTED, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 1999 (POUNDS)							
Crop	Unit	Area Harvested ^{1/}		Yield per Acre		Production	
		1998	Ind Oct 1, 1999	1998	Ind Oct 1, 1999	1998	Ind Oct 1, 1999
--Thousand Acres--				--Thousands--			
Corn	Bu.	72,604	70,925	134.4	133.5	9,761,085	9,466,977
Sorghum	Bu.	7,723	8,499	67.3	68.3	519,933	580,361
Soybeans	Bu.	70,441	72,786	38.9	37.0	2,741,014	2,696,272
Oats	Bu.	2,755	2,465	60.2	60.0	165,981	147,906
All Wheat	Bu.	59,002	54,319	43.2	42.7	2,547,321	2,317,591
Rye	Bu.	418	383	29.1	28.7	12,161	10,993
Barley	Bu.	5,864	4,778	60.0	59.5	352,125	284,073
Peanuts	Lbs.	1,467.0	1,436.5	2,702.0	2,660.0	3,963,440	3,821,200
All Cotton ^{2/}	Bales	10,683.6	13,405.2	625.0	588	13,918.2	16,430.0
Cottonseed	Tons	-	-	-	-	5,365.4	6,210.0
All Hay	Tons	60,016	62,051	2.52	2.60	151,338	161,385
Sweetpotatoes	Cwt.	83.8	85.2	148.0	3/	12,382	3/
All Tobacco	Lbs.	717.7	651.1	2,061.0	1,949.0	1,479,179	1,268,992
Apples ^{4/}	Lbs.	5/	5/	5/	5/	11,387.4	10,614.8
Peaches ^{4/}	Lbs.	5/	5/	5/	5/	2,429.3	2,502.1
Grapes ^{4/}	Tons	5/	5/	5/	5/	5,903.0	6,554.9
Pecans	Lbs.	5/	5/	5/	5/	146,400	323,900

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STOCKS OF PEANUTS AND SPECIFIED PRODUCTS AT MONTH'S END--1998-1999^{1/}

Month Ending	Farmer Stocks	Shelled Peanuts ^{2/}	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total ^{3/}
--Thousand Pounds--					
1998					
Aug	27,072	489,577	24,374	651,137	702,583
Sep	582,624	337,020	19,441	448,237	1,050,302
Oct	2,537,754	414,747	32,911	551,614	3,122,279
Nov	2,797,793	488,372	44,672	649,535	3,492,000
Dec	2,559,969	593,126	50,595	788,858	3,399,422
1999					
Jan	2,263,904	716,591	58,128	953,066	3,275,098
Feb	1,919,866	789,852	61,496	1,050,503	3,031,865
Mar	1,501,418	910,949	69,192	1,211,562	2,782,172
Apr	1,129,203	935,258	75,068	1,243,893	2,448,164
May	775,988	969,968	78,288	1,290,057	2,144,333
Jun	366,046	929,382	79,969	1,236,078	1,682,093
Jul	155,946	908,681	71,197	1,208,546	1,435,689

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of CCC in commercial storages. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts x 1.33.

GEORGIA GRAIN STOCKS--SEPTEMBER 1, 1998-1999

Grain	On Farms		Off Farms ^{1/}		All Positions	
	Sep 1, 1998	Sep 1, 1999	Sep 1, 1998	Sep 1, 1999	Sep 1, 1998	Sep 1, 1999
--Thousand Bushels--						
Barley (Old Crop)			*	*	*	*
Corn (Old Crop)	*	*	2,748	2,996	*	*
Oats	*	*	92	83	*	*
Sorghum (Old Crop)	*	*	*	*	*	*
Soybeans	*	*	705	*	*	*
Wheat	*	*	3,912	3,919	*	*

1/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. * Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS--SEPTEMBER 1, 1998-1999, UNITED STATES

Item	1998	1999	% of Year Ago
		--Thousands--	--Percent--
Chickens, Egg Type	33,260	35,304	106
Chickens, Broiler Type	607,209	619,581	102
Turkeys, All Breeds	26,969	28,687	106

POULTRY HATCHING AND PLACEMENT--AUGUST 1998-1999

Item	Aug 1998	July 1999	Aug 1999	% of year ago	January thru August		% of year ago
		--Thousands--		--Percent--	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Pullet Chicks Placed							
Domestic (U.S.)^{1/}							
Broiler Type	7,109	7,088	7,665	108	54,447	57,704	106
Egg Type	185	231	318	172	2,026	1,996	99
Chicks Hatched - Broiler Type							
Georgia	109,634	113,234	111,909	102	857,977	888,352	104
United States	715,650	750,547	741,253	104	5,690,780	5,889,014	103
Chicks Hatched- Egg Type							
Georgia	2,017	1,708	2,019	100	16,702	15,796	95
United States	33,380	34,269	35,453	106	298,817	305,550	102
Turkeys Poults Placed							
U.S.	24,450	26,755 *	24,755	101	304,259 ^{2/}	295,299 ^{3/}	97

1/ Domestic placements as reported by leading breeders includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30 dozen case of eggs. 2/ Turkey poults placed September 1997-August 1998. 3/ Turkey poults placed September 1998-August 1999. Revised.

NUMBER OF LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST 1998-1999

	NUMBER OF LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING ACCOUNT 1998-1999					
	Number of Layers		Eggs per 100 Layers		Total Eggs Produced	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	--Thousands--		--Number--		--Millions--	
GEORGIA						
Hatching	9,149	9,344	1,908	1,958	175	183
Table	11,873	11,042	2,077	2,119	247	234
Total Georgia	21,022	20,386	2,007	2,046	422	417
30 STATES						
Hatching	52,828	54,199	1,817	1,865	960	1,011
Table	238,781	246,713	2,244	2,241	5,358	5,529
Total 30 States	291,609	300,912	2,167	2,173	6,318	6,540
UNITED STATES						
Hatching	57,110	58,760	1,819	1,865	1,039	1,096
Table	252,141	261,264	2,243	2,245	5,655	5,865
Total U.S.	309,251	320,024	2,165	2,175	6,694	6,961

COMMERCIAL POULTRY SLAUGHTER^{1/}—JULY-AUGUST 1998-1999

COMMERCIAL POULTRY SLAUGHTER -JULY-AUGUST 1998-1999							
Item	Aug 1998	Jul 1999	Aug 1999 ^{2/}	% of Year Ago	January thru August 1998 1999		% of Year Ago
	--Thousands--			--Percent--	--Thousands--		--Percent--
Young Chickens							
Georgia	95,695	97,345	99,797	104	757,014	775,645	102
United States	651,038	686,713	703,410	108	5,231,618	5,440,424	104
Mature Chickens							
Light Type, U.S.	8,861	8,862	7,826	88	71,617	74,015	103
Heavy Type, U.S.	5,308	6,059	6,385	120	44,107	46,306	105
Total, U.S.	14,169	14,921	14,211	100	115,724	120,321	104
Percent Condemned							
Young Chickens		--Percent--			--Percent--		
Georgia	1.6	1.6	1.6		1.8	1.7	
United States	1.8	1.6	1.6		1.8	1.7	

1/ Federally inspected slaughter data as collected by Meat and Poultry Inspection Program. 2/ Preliminary.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION--UNITED STATES^{1/}

Kind	Aug 1998	Aug 1999	1999 as % of 1998 ^{2/}
	--Million Pounds--		--Percent--
Beef	2,228	2,309	104
Veal	20	20	100
Pork	1,505	1,565	104
Lamb & Mutton	17	19	110
Total Red Meat	3,770	3,912	104

1/ Based on packers dress weights and excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER--UNITED STATES^{1/}, AUGUST 1998, 1999

Species	Number Slaughtered			Average Live Weight		Total Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998	1998	1999	1998	1999
	--Thousand Head--		--Percent--	--Pounds--		--Thousand Pounds--	
Cattle	3,039.5	3,152.4	104	1,210	1,206	3,676,393	3,801,197
Calves	125.1	118.8	95	266	282	33,305	33,454
Hogs	8,169.2	8,406.3	103	252	254	2,055,380	2,132,691
Sheep & Lambs	275.5	296.3	108	123	127	33,872	37,504

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal Inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting two major chemical use type surveys during the next several weeks. The Agricultural Resource Management Study targets peanut and cotton growers and asks about their fertilizer and pesticide uses, production practices and pest management practices. A similar survey of apple, blueberry, peach, and pecan producers on the 1999 Fruit and Nut Chemical Use Survey will measure the actual usage of pesticides for these crops.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to review tolerance levels for re-registration of pesticide products. Part of the review includes using actual chemical usage information that only growers can provide. If this information is not available, registration decisions based on incorrect usage would have serious consequences for both farmers and consumers.

Nearly 600 Georgia producers will be personally interviewed during October through mid-December for these surveys. If you are asked to participate, your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Individual grower information is strictly confidential and only used in combination with other reports to set State and national estimates. These surveys give growers a chance to tell how they are using agricultural chemicals responsibly to produce a safe food and fiber supply.